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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION

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1. FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS: IN TALKS ON SOUTH LEBANON
SITUATION WITH EVRON (STATE 148797) WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO
EXPLORE CEASE-FIRE AND WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL PROVIDED PARKER
BY BOUTROS (REFTELS). YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE EXPECT THAT
SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE HARD TO NEGOTIATE BUT THAT WE
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THE SOUTH, AS WELL AS PALESTINIAN PRESSURES ON THE
CHRISTIAN (AND SHI'A) ENCLAVES, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.
WE PRESUME ISRAEL WOULD FIND CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF
PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS FROM BORDER REGIONS ATTRACTIVE FROM
SECURITY VIEWPOINT. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT ISRAEL WOULD
WELCOME DEPLOYMENT OF EVEN TOKEN AND SYMBOLIC LEBANESE
FORCES IN SOUTH, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS FROM WHICH PALESTINIANS

MIGHT BE INDUCED TO WITHDRAW.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO EVRON THAT, IN ADDITION TO REQUESTING ISRAEL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS TO DISCOURAGE RASH ADVENTURES OR OFFENSIVES, WE HOPE ISRAEL WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THESE MILITIAS TO COOPERATE WITH EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A WITHDRAWAL-CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT.
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